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Amendments to the Claims:

1-28. (cancelled)

27. (currently amended) An in-process control method in a production run of an on-going packaging process for pharmaceutical formulations to test the leaktightness of a sealed container that holds a pharmaceutical active substance formulation in a chamber, the method comprising the steps of: a) acting upon the sealed container with a gas such that any increase of the gas inside the chamber can be analyzed; b) removing a sample from the chamber; and c) analyzing the sample for the presence of the gas. The method according to claim 24, wherein the sealed container is a sealed, two-layer, bottle-like container with a rigid outer shell and an inner container mechanically attached to the outer shell only at certain points and able to collapse in on itself relative to the outer container.

28. (currently amended) The method according to claim 27, wherein the sealed, two-layer, bottle-like container has been produced by a coextrusion process.

29. (previously presented) The method according to claim 27, wherein the rigid outer shell consists of polypropylene, and the inner container consists of polyethylene.

30-32. (cancelled)

33. (currently amended) The method according to claim 27-24, wherein the step of acting upon the sealed container with the gas is carried out at a pressure difference between the chamber and the gas of 0.1 to 10 bar.